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ARIZONA HIGHWAY PATROL HOSTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUNDRAISING COOKOUT

Highway Patrol Troopers with the Arizona Department of Public Safety and Outback Steakhouse will be hosting the 2nd Annual Fundraising Cookout to benefit Special Olympics. This event is a well-attended open house featuring DPS personnel and equipment. Outback Steakhouse will be providing an "all you can eat" lunch for only \$10.00. All proceeds will go to Special Olympics.

The Department of Public Safety will have various pieces of mission related equipment on display to provided the public with an up close and personal experience, featuring the finest law enforcement officers in the state. The DPS Ranger helicopter, bomb squad and robot (the same one used during the Lewis Prison stand-off), S.W.A.T. teams, armored car, drug sniffing dogs (K-9), police motorcycles, patrol cars, Highway Patrol drag racer, and many other items will be on display. A live band composed of DPS officers will be performing as well.

This event will run from 11:00a.m. until 3:00p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2004 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety Headquarters north parking lot, located at 2102 West Encanto Blvd. Special parking will be available for the media along 22nd Avenue, just north of Encanto Blvd., which will be closed to all other traffic. ***Media covering the event will be provided lunch at no cost.***